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1. Recommendations regarding support for Indochina -- Ambassador Bruce in Paris, in analyzing the need for maintaining a non-Communist government in Indochina, expresses the view that any program for strengthening the Bao Dai Government must recognize that political realities within France make it impossible to plan in terms of complete freedom for Indochina or for complete withdrawal of French forces in the immediate future. As a guide for constructive action within the limits of the French internal political situation, the Ambassador suggests that the French should implement as quickly as possible the present plans for establishing the Bao Dai Government as a full member of the French Union. Bruce also suggests, as possible supplementary action, that the Bao Dai Government be recognized by the US and the UK and then extended financial and economic support.

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